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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R), Sen. Kris Hansen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 240, 2/4/2015
HB 158, 2/5/2015
HB 248, 2/5,2015

00:03:35 Recess
00:07:49 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:07 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 248, Revise contracting laws for community colleges.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:11 Ed Bartlett, attorney, Montana Community Colleges (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:17 Sen. Moe
00:12:35 Mr. Bartlett, MCC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:03 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON HB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:44 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 158, Revise and modernize immunization laws related to schools.

[EXHIBIT\(eds29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds29a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:03 Jim Murphy, bureau chief, Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(eds29a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds29a04\)](#)

00:25:37 Matt Kelley, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPH) and Montana Public Health Association; health officer, Gallatin City/County Health Department

00:30:58 Lori Byron, pediatrician, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

00:36:15 Riley Johnson, Sanofi Pasteur (SP), USA

00:37:48 Sue Buswell, retired school nurse, Montana Association of School Nurses (MASN)

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00:40:50 Bill Gallea, emergency room physician and vice president, Montana Medical Association (MMA); past president, Montana Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

00:43:19 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds29a05)

00:45:31 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

00:46:13 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association

00:46:57 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:47:59 Nicole Thuotte, parent

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds29a06)

00:51:19 Sen. Hansen entered the hearing.

00:54:45 Mike Fellows, self

Informational Testimony:

00:56:34 Sarah Carlson, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds29a07)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:40 Sen. Cohenour

00:58:19 Ms. Carlson, LAD

00:58:56 Sen. Facey

00:59:32 Mr. Kelley, AMPH

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00:59:50 Sen. Facey

01:00:18 Mr. Kelley

01:00:27 Sen. Facey

01:00:50 Mr. Kelley

01:00:57 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:01:33 Mr. Gallea, MMA

01:02:58 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:03:12 Mr. Gallea

01:03:17 Sen. Arntzen

01:03:40 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS

01:05:00 Sen. Arntzen

01:06:08 Mr. Murphy

01:07:21 Sen. Arntzen

01:07:26 Mr. Murphy

01:07:31 Sen. Arntzen

01:07:36 Mr. Murphy

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01:09:30 Mr. Murphy
01:09:47 Chairman Brown
01:10:02 Mr. Murphy
01:10:15 Chairman Brown
01:10:33 Mr. Murphy
01:10:53 Sen. Facey
01:10:57 Mr. Johnson, SP
01:10:58 Sen. Facey
01:11:10 Mr. Johnson
01:11:52 Sen. Facey
01:12:09 Rep. MacDonald
01:12:13 Sen. Facey
01:12:29 Rep. MacDonald
01:12:51 Sen. Arntzen
01:13:42 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction
01:14:50 Chairman Brown
01:15:02 Ms. Buswell, MASN
01:16:36 Chairman Brown
01:16:59 Ms. Byron, AAP
01:17:26 Chairman Brown
01:17:43 Ms. Byron
01:17:54 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:00 Rep. MacDonald

HEARING ON SB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:30 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 240, Revise interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:24:16 Madalyn Quinlan, chief of staff, Office of Public Instruction
01:27:52 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association
01:29:24 Jim Higgins, parent, veteran, and member, Montana National Guard
01:30:23 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association
01:31:06 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:56 Sen. Arntzen
01:32:29 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:13 Sen. Buttrey

Committee Business:

01:34:45 Sen. Facey

01:34:56 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:41 P.M.

Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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